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SUBJ: COUP D' ETAT IN MAURITANIA: COMMUNIQUE FROM DIPLOMATIC
CORPS DEAN

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE FROM DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS
ROUGH TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH FOLLOWS: QUOTE WHAT HAS HAPPENED
(THE COUP D'ETAT) IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR AND DOES NOT AFFECT ANY
OTHER COUNTRY OR MISSION. THERE ARE THINGS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED
IN NOUAKCHOTT WHICH EVERYONE IS AWARE OF-- ESPECIALLY ON THE
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SIDE AS WELL AS THE WAR AND THE DROUGHT.
ALL THESE FACTORS ARE GOING TO WORK AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S
INTERESTS. AND IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES IN THIS MANNER
MWCRITANIA WILL BE CROSSED OFF THE MAP ESCACIALLY AS ALL
THE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN A ASTATE OF MISRY BECAUSE THERE
ARE A NUMBER OF PROFITEERS WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER THREW MAURRITANIAN
ECONOMY AND THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A RELATIVE IN THE
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GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
HAVE A JOB. ADD TO THIS THE SOCIAL POSITIONS OF THE TRIBES
WHO HAVE FOR A LONG TIME BEEN MADE TO WAGE THE WAR, AND IT
HAS BECOME DIFFICULT TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY. THIS IS WHY
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR THE RECLAMATION OF THE COUNTRY HAS
TAKEN UPON ITSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAVING THE HONOR OF
THE COUNTRY.

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE WILL HONOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AND WILL PROTECT ALL FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN THE COUNTRY. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGNERS THE COMMITTEE IS IMPOSING A CURFEW, AND CLOSING THE BORDERS AND THE AIRPORT, AND CUTTING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 HOURS. PASSES TO MOVE OUT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY THE COMMITTEE.

QUOTE COMMITTEE IS STUDYING THE SITUATION AND WILL CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SOLICIT THE OPINIONS OF ALL SOCIAL CLASSES CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY. A MOSTLY CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE INSTALLED SOON TO INITIATE THE WORK.

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE STRESSES THAT IT IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR.

END TRANSLATION. END QUOTE. KRYZA

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